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TOPIC Merseburg Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 23 March through 4 April 1952, [] 25X1
the MiG-15s stationed at Merseburg airfield were towed by tractors from the
hangars. The fence on the northern boundary of the installation was completed.
About 500 meters north of this fence work was still in progress on the new
road between Merseburg and Knapendorf. At 6 a.m. every morning, radio truck
[] proceeded from the barracks installation of the field to the radio
installation east of the runway returning between 7 and 9 p.m.

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2. From 8 to 11 a.m. on 11 April, there was flying by 20 MiG-15s fitted with
auxiliary fuel tanks. The planes took off in groups of four or five and
remained aloft for about 40 minutes. When ground fog developed about 11
a.m., [] 8 to 10 unsuccessful attempts to land. Aircraft
[] were involved in the air
activity. * A type-29 plane [] circled over the field. Flying,
observed on 16 and 18 April, continued until 4 p.m. Twenty MiG-15s were
involved in these activities. [] 25X1

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3. Between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 7 April, there was no flying at the
field. The weather was rainy. Trucks [] 25X1
[] loaded with aircraft ladders, radio equipment,
luggage and air force soldiers entered the barracks installation at the
field. [] 200 to 300 air force soldiers arrived at the
field in early April. These soldiers were quartered in the former
administration for cooperative shops. **

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** [] Comment. The report indicates that Merseburg airfield still is
occupied by a fighter regiment. According to available information the
unit is equipped with at least 30 MiG-15s. No progress in the training of
this new fighter regiment can be inferred from the data contained in the
report.

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